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Southern District of New York*

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March 28, 2024

By ECF

The Honorable Dale E. Ho
Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse
40 Foley Square
New York, NY 10007

Re: *Helen Greene Johnson v. United States of America*, 24 Civ. 872 (DEH);
Muhammad A. Aziz v. United States of America, 24 Civ. 874 (DEH)

Dear Judge Ho:

This Office represents the United States of America ("Government"), defendant in these two related actions brought pursuant to the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 1346(b), 2671 *et seq.* We write respectfully to inform the Court that the Government intends to file a motion to dismiss in lieu of filing an answer to the complaint in each action. With plaintiff's consent in both actions, we propose the following briefing schedule:

- Opening papers due April 23;
- Opposition papers due May 24;
- Reply due June 7.

We thank the Court for its consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

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Application **GRANTED**.

The government's motion to dismiss is due **April 23, 2024**;

Plaintiff's opposition is due **May 24, 2024**;

The government's reply is due **June 7, 2024**.

SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dale Ho', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dale E. Ho
United States District Judge
Dated: March 29, 2024
New York, New York